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Mr. Chairman and Committee members, my name is Judy Woolley; I'm a resident of Plains in Sanders County. Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning.

I strongly support Senate Bill 114.

The county sheriffs, and his or her deputies, are the ones who are most familiar with the local people, their activities and domiciles, and the local environment. Allowing these county law enforcement agencies to review proposed federal intervention shouldn't even be under consideration but it could prevent mistaken, unethical, or unwarranted use of force or misidentification.

If federal assistance or intervention is required, the local sheriff can then request such.

In the past 18 or so years we have had enough evidence of federal agencies overstepping their boundaries with women, children and men murdered, and homes destroyed. This bill would prevent that from happening in Montana.

I respectfully urge you to support SB114 without amendments or attachments.

Thank you.

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